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## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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John Spencer  
Vernal Phosphate Operation  
9401 North Highway 191  
Vernal, Utah 84078-7802

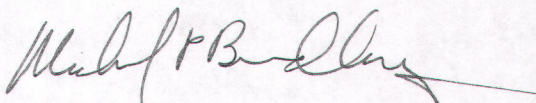
Re: Partial Release of Reclaimed Area, Simplot Phosphates LLC, Vernal Phosphate Mine, M/047/0007, Uintah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Spencer:

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining partially approves and partially denies the request received March 14, 2014, for release of 117.9 acres. Reclamation standards have been achieved on 114 acres, but areas 5 and 8 on the application do not meet release standards. Your current surety amount is considered to be sufficient.

Please contact April Abate at 801-538-5214 or me at 801-538-5261 if you have questions or concerns regarding this action. Thank you for your cooperation in completing this reclamation work.

Sincerely,

  
for Paul B. Baker  
Minerals Program Manager

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Cc: Robin Hansen, BLM Vernal Field Office

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